

## COA BOARD MEETING Minutes - Tuesday, April 12- 5:00 p.m.

Present: Arthur Alcarez, Phebe Downey, Margaret Hoag, Ann Schummers, Jan Kenneally, Meryl Schwartz, Patty Keane, Murray Nicholson, Pam Hanson, Sharyn Lenhart, Ginger Quarles, COA Director.

Special Report on "Lexington at Home" by Gary Fallick from Lexington at Home, a voluntary association of Lexington seniors who are interested in "aging in place". NORCs (Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities fall into two molds, a concierge model with paid staff, or an all volunteer run model. NORCs do not seek to replace already existing services in a town, but act as gap fillers, providing "help in a pinch", social support and information network. Lexington at Home has been in existence for ten years and now has four chapters. Gary was quizzed by board members to assess whether Concord could support a NORC to help Concord seniors age in place. It was decided during the meeting that there should be a subcommittee to look into the pros and cons. The committee will consist of Sharyn Lenhart, Ann Schummers, Murray Nicholson, Meryl Schwartz, and Pam Hanson. This committee will report back at the May Board Meeting.

March minutes were passed unanimously

Minuteman Senior Services Liaison Report.....Margaret Hoag. Margaret presented the special report by Gary Fallick.

Concord Housing Authority Report, Sharyn reports the last meeting was housekeeping issues.

COA Historian Report - Janet Kenneally reported the Concord COA began in 1959 lasting thru 1961. It then restarted in 1972.

Disability Committee Liaison – no meeting this month

COA Director's Report - Ginger Quarles wanted the Board to know that the COA did not recommend against the polystyrene article in town meeting, that was incorrectly reported.

Arthur reported that the Board had received a thank you for our support of the tax relief warrant article in town meeting.

Adjournment was at 6:37

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 10, 5:30 PM